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S/w. Sutbone

A.A.N.S.

A.I.F

18th Dec. 1918.

Started at No 5 A.G.H.

14th Sept. 18.

Examined for A.I.F
Passed for Salonika.

12th Oct

Left Melbourne by 4 p.m.
Albury express for
Sydney. All friends &
relations to see us off
Fairly comfortable
journey to Albury
Woke up & found
ourselves in N.S.W.
Had breakfast at
Moss Vale. Got into

Sydney at 11.30 A.M.
were taken to the
Convalescent Home
'Rose Hill' Harlinghurst
& spent the afternoon
looking over Randwick
W. H. A. G. H. Slept eleven in
one room Had some
good fun out of it.

14th Oct.

Got up at 6 A.M. rushed
the bath. Went down
Sydney did some
shopping. Orders to
embark at 1.30 p.m.
Got down in taxis

Came aboard The
'Wyreema' spent the
afternoon exploring
our new quarters.
Edgumbe & I are
in a cabin together
There are H & Sisters
& a Matron, some
hundreds of troops
& officers on board
We drew out from
the pier at about
4 p.m. & anchored
off Port Point. I
hear we are sailing
at mid night.

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15th Terribly seasick
in A.M. Got up for short
time but went down
again very soon.

16th Still ill, crawled
up on deck to see
Wilson's Prom. Got
a snap of it.

17th Struck very rough
weather. Everyone
sisters & troops all
This old tub rolls
to some order. Did
not leave my cabin
all day.

18th Feeling better up
on deck most of day
Still very rough
Officers on board say
they have never
known this boat

so roll & pitch so
much before. We
are now in the Bight

19th 20th Same old thing
Feeling better up on
deck most of time

21st Monday Very rough
all day. Feeling ill
again. Freeman's
tomorrow.

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Tuesday 22nd Very rough
all last night. Nobody
Slept. Sighted land
about 3pm. Got into
Port at about 4.30 pm.
Were flying the yellow
flag so had to wait until
the health officer cleared
us. Two cases of measles
on board. We went ashore
at about 7.30 & caught
a train up to Perth.
Went to the Esplanade
Hotel where 16 of us
secured rooms for the night.
Went out & sent telegrams

letters home. Walked
round Perth & saw as
much of the shops as
we could in the time.
Were struck with the
clean & fresh look of
everything. Went back
to the hotel. Had a
glorious hot bath &
turned into the most
comfortable bed we
have had since leaving
Melb. Were up next
morning Wed 23rd at
about 7 AM. Several
car owners came

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round a took us for a
drive round Perth &
through their wonderful
King Park. The wild
flowers were glorious
The buildings are so
different to our Welsh
ones, being much
smaller & built mostly
of a greyish stone.
We went back to breakfast
& then Mr Gully offered
to drive us the 12 miles
to Treemantle as we
had to catch our
lunch & go on board

again. The drive through
was wonderfully pretty.
We called at a few
shops & collected all
the mull papers we
could carry also some
fruit. Mr Gully
pointed out all the
beauty spots as we
came along. We came
on board at about 11 AM
but did not sail
until about 5 pm.
Saw the East of Russia
at 6 pm. Coming out
of the port all the

Small boat out anchor
blew whistles waved flags
cooed etc. On a rocky point
of land a girl signalled
us her good wishes with
flags until we were out of
sight.

24th 25th 26th. All passed
uneventfully. Reading
& sewing on deck, playing
Cards during the evening.
Capt. says we ought to
get to Wharfedale about the
8th Oct.

27th Sunday. Church
Service this A.M. which

everyone enjoyed. Fine
but windy day with
a big swell on. Games
on deck during after
evening on deck during
28th & 29th Beautiful days
spent on deck. Padre

reading Luther Mick &
O.B. helping. Concert
round Patisserie in evening

Boat drill on Monday
30th & 31st - Still fine
weather, Fire drill
on Thursday. Played
Cards all evening
~~to bed~~

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1st Nov. ~~Friday~~ made our
fastest time today
doing 325 1/2. Sea
very choppy. Consequently
spent the morning in
my cabin. Played
cards again with
Mayor, Inchamra
& Collins.

2nd Nov. Very nice day
Event of the week
being the Social dinner
held in the Saloon this
evening. Capt. & Padre
coming to our table
they being the only

men amongst 14 of
us. Excellent concert
on the boat deck at
night.

3rd Wrote letters, went
to Church Parade in
morning & service on
deck in evening.

4th Quiet day wrote
letters.

5th Nov. Sisters gave a
concert in Social Hall
this evening. The event
of the evening being
a drama entitled
Search Me Sisters

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Michael Collins Richard
Bumilton Golden German
Edgumbe Morris Wilkins
taking part. Sister O'Kane
a Highlander acted the part
of Bluebeard splendid
The Ship's Babe (Sent
Springhall) causing a
good deal of amusement
as well.

6th Terribly windy,
getting ready for
Harban tomorrow
8th Arrived in the
small bay of Harban
at about 9 A.M. Very

pretty little place
Anchored out in the
bay much to our
disappointment. No
shore leave for anyone
Started Coaling
from Coal lighters
alongside. All work
being done by riggers
9th Still Coaling things
getting in an awful
mess, coal dust
everywhere. Miss
Campbell came
off to us bringing
flowers fruit etc

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10th Had an awful night. Coal dust chased us out of our cabins. Slept on a table in the dining saloon. All our clothes in a terrible mess. Pulled in alongside the wharf this morning. As take on water. Two of our men jumped over the side & made for the hills. They were brought back at about 5 p.m. just before we sailed.

Left Durban at 5.30 pm on Sunday ^{10th} bound for Cape Town. Miss Campbell signalling a last farewell to us from the shore. Monday 11th felt a little seasick again. funny how one cannot get over this silly feeling. Coal dust still everywhere but we are feeling better than in Durban. Tuesday 12th Very

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nice day. Spent
it on deck.

Wednesday, 13th

Sighted land this
morning at about
10 A.M. The Lion Rock
being our first glimpse
of Sth. Africa. A
most wonderful

sight. Coming into
this port of Table Bay.
We got in & anchored
at about 1 p.m. &
spent the rest of
the day gazing
on the wonders

of Table Mountain
~~Thursday~~ 14th A
very wet day, read
& sewed all day.

Friday 15th More
troopships coming
in. This seems
a very busy harbor.
Red Cross & Y.M.C.A.
not so enthusiastic
as in Durban.

Sat. 16th Spent the day
reading taking photo
& spent the evening
on deck listening
to a concert given

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by the boys.
Sunday 17th Church
service on the deck
forward. A glorious
day. Sing song
on troop deck in
evening. Mayor not
so well today
& Richards very
sick.

Monday 18 The
Borela a big troop
ship came in
today from Eng.
carrying wounded
& Amvacs. Wherry

The evening another
ship came in &
anchored near
also carrying troops.
Tuesday 19th Another
quiet day. More
boats coming & going
all the time. We are
still undecided
what we are going
to do. The Government
don't seem to know
what to do with
us. Concert on the
troop deck at night.
Spent 1 on deck the

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Mr Steven & Mayor
as usual.

Wednesday 20th.

Another glorious day
Some of the Officers
& Sisters from the
Borda came over
to lunch with
us & a few of our
crowd went back
with them for the
afternoon. Nothing
in the way of news
Spent the evening
on deck watching
the lights of B. town.

& The Clouds & mist
over Table Mount
Thursday 21st.

Just another lazy
day spent taking
photos & reading.

Friday 22nd Sister
Mayor talking of
staying in Sth Africa
much to my disgust
Some of the girls went
round the bay in
a small launch
Sat. 23rd Mayor,
Holden, Michael, &
Ruddall went

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ashore. Mayor going
up to her Uncle in
Jo'burg. Padre &
Col. Wright & a few
of the Sgt. & men
also went ashore
here. We sailed
out of Table Bay
at 8.30 p.m. & this
old tub & her load
are bound for old
Luzac once more.
What a terrible
disappointment
for everybody. We
all expected at

least to get to England
24th Sunday. Church
service on deck this
A.M. We miss Padre
very much. The
S.A. Padre took
the service & preached
rather a rousing
sermon. Spent
the evening on
deck with Brother
Bill as usual.
Monday Tuesday
& Wednesday all
very rough. Boat
rolling terribly

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Consequently everyone
more or less on the
sicklist. Am feeling
splendid myself.
Think I must have
developed my sea
legs.

Thursday Friday
& Sat. 28 29. 30th

Just the same
Went to social
dinner with Mrs
White C/O.

Sunday
Church parade
as usual.

Monday 2nd
Nothing doing

Tuesday 3rd
Passed & sailed
round Amsterdam
Island very
barren rocky
place. Sent up
rockets & blew
our sirens.

Officers gave
a concert which
was very funny
All officers were
dressed up &
acted a small

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Lance. Mr Brown
taking part with
Major Peckie as
his lady love.

Wednesday & Thursday
concerts on deck

Thursday night
being official dinner
as usual

Sat 7th Tancy dress
social dinner &
dance on board

The costumes were
very good indeed
some being extremely
funny. Billy

Came to dinner
with me Brady
dined with The
O.C. I went as Brenda
V.A.D. & Billy a week-
ender.

Sundaysth. A cold
day. We get into
Treenamle on

Tuesday morning
Monday 9th

concert on deck
very good. Watched
it from boat
deck with Billy.
Aussie again tomorrow

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Tuesday 10th Got into
the port at Freemanth
at daylight. Got up
early & when the pilot
came off he told us
that we could not
have shore leave at
about 9.30 A.M. The
shore authorities
signalled for 20
sisters to nurse
Spanish flu. nation
called for volunteered
26 of us spoke up &
then we drew lots
for places. Brady

& I were amongst
the 20. We left the
old Wyreema at
4 p.m. on Tuesday &
are all feeling very
lonely. Sat on the
jetty here at Woodman
Point while the
people at the station
finished a row they
were having. Arrived
up here hungry
& tired. Unpacked
& had a look around
Brady & I went
down onto the

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getting & gazed longingly
out at the old boat
wishing to heaven we
were back there again.
Wednesday ^{11th} Got up
& then started to get
things ready for the
boys coming off the
Boonah. Wilkinson
Hamilton Bradshaw
& I were in W 3, a
but holding 8 beds
& 10 tents. No covers
lines of any kind.
About 10 AM the
boys began to

Come up from the
jetty. Our tents &
hut were soon full
Poor lads were in a
terrible plight. Tilt
& dirt all over them
terribly sick, we
had no drugs, no
clean shirts or
pyjamas to put
on them, all we could
do was to wash them
& get them as
comfortable as
possible. Three
died the first

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day.

Thursday 12th Boys all
very ill. Very little
to feed them on.

Things scarce. This
place is Hell.

Friday Things
improving slightly
in the way of food
& drugs. Boys still
dying. 10 up to
date.

Sat 14th O'Kane off
duty ill. alas
Sister Leeds. Others
feeling off color.

Sunday. Blazing
hot day. How
different to our last
Sunday. No church
parade, no singing
nothing but dust
sand & flies & sickness.
O'Kane much
worse.

Monday. Two
more nurses down.
Boys improving
slightly.

Tuesday 17th.

6 Sisters down
with flu. Bella

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I lander down also
Wed. No letters from
home. Very miserable
& lonely.

Thursday 19th
Moved down to
new Hospital
Working frantically
all day. Four
deaths in our
ward up to date
Wilkie & Manning
down with flu
ridley Hamilton
Walker Newby
Thomson Ryan

all down today
Sat. 21st Poor old
O'Kane died early
this morning, one
can hardly realize
that she has gone
everybody very depressed
about it. We gave her
a military funeral
today at 4 pm.

It's sad to see how
we old Wgreemans
have decreased
Only nine of us
on duty now
Went out in the

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try tonight for
some fresh air
Brady & I moved
to W^a 4 to be with
our own girls. It's
terribly lonely.
Boys are still dying
but on the whole are
improving. German
down tonight.
Nursing 6 Rene
proved so much
for the dear old
girl she has been
a brick.
Got a telegram

from Biley this
evening.

Sunday. 22nd What a
day. Every body sad.
Two more deaths amongst
the boys. Clatworthy
from our ward being
amongst the fatal
cases

Tuesday 24th Things
anyhow today. a
letter from the Perth
Military Sisters
here appeared in
the daily paper &
caused quite a

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Xmas 1918

str. Meetings etc being held about it. We are forbidden to talk to the officers & men except while on duty & all Xmas festivities have been knocked on the head. Xmas Eve & the unhappiest I've ever spent. We got letters from the East I got one from Billy at Adelaide also.

News that we have to move from our present quarters

down to tents about half a mile down a dusty track. Now we are going to walk that distance every day goodness only know & cares.

4 new sisters from Adelaide came tonight one of them is Jackson's sister

Xmas Day

Had my first 'day off'. Spent it moving down to our new camping ground

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What a day. Hot &
dusty & as unlike
Xmas as it is possible
to be. Xmas dinner
was a scream.

Our tent was the only
one fixed up. So when
the others came off duty
& found their beds
strewn all over the
paddock & their
luggage & bedding had
only found where.
They all went up
to the main
building to attack

that little beast
Mr Park. He, as is
typical of him, did
nothing for us so
we all went back
again. The Convalescent
boys offering to put
up our beds & card
luggage etc for the
girls it was mid
night before things
were finally
fixed up. Did
not sleep much.
Dents don't agree
with me.

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Thursday 26th
Hard at work
again. Cases in W
improving slightly
Boys busy fumigating
today.

Friday. Had a little
picnic down on the
beach with Brady
Morris & Ferguson
the first bit of
pleasure we have
had at all.

Sat²⁸ & Sun²⁹. Nothing
different. Things
rubbing along in

The same dirty
old way.
Monday 30th

Thomson very ill
also Williams.
Bradie went on
night duty after
being on duty all
day. Had another
little sea on the
beach with the two
kids tonight

Tuesday 31st
New Year's Eve.
Wyreema back
in Dremantle on

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her way to
England again
Thompson of
M.S. W's very ill.
still.

Tommy died

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Wyreema Sisters
in Quarantine.

No 1 M.D. O'Keane Bell
Germain Robson
Bourke Hogg Hignman
No 2 M.D.

Thomson Thomas,
Walker, Newby,

No 3 Wilkinson, Scott,
Bradshaw, Manning,
Morris, Cone, Collins
Hamilton.

No 4. Jackson

